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THIS Day His Majesty came to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes, seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Charles Dalton, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers: The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE present Posture of Affairs in Europe is so well known to you all, and the good or bad Consequences, that may arise, and affect us, from the War being extinguished, or being carried on, are so obvious, that I am persuaded you are met together fully prepared and determined to discharge the great Trust reposed in you at this critical Conjuncture, in such a Manner, as will best contribute to the Honour and Interest of my Crown and People.

I opened the last Session of the late Parliament by acquainting them, that as I was no ways engaged, but by my good Offices, in the Transactions that were declared to be the principal Causes and Motives of the present War in Europe, it was necessary to use more than ordinary Prudence and Circumspection, and the utmost Precaution, not to determine too hastily upon so critical and important a Conjuncture; to examine the Facts alledged on both sides, to wait the Result of the Councils of those Powers, that are more nearly and immediately interested in the Consequences of the War, and particularly to concert with the States General of the United Provinces, who are under the same Engagements with me, such Measures as should be thought most adviseable for our common Safety, and for restoring the Peace of Europe.

We have accordingly proceeded in this great Affair with the mutual Confidence which subsists between me and that Republick; and having considered together on one side the pressing Applications made by the Imperial Court, both here and in Holland, for obtaining Succours against the Powers at War with the Emperor, and the repeated Professions made by the Allies on the other side, of their sincere Disposition to put an End to the present Troubles, upon honourable and solid Terms, I concurred in a Resolution taken by the States-General, to imploy, without Loss of Time, our joint and earnest Instances to bring Matters to a speedy and happy Accommodation, before we should come to a Determination upon the Succours demanded by the Emperor. These Instances did not at first produce such explicit Answers from the contending Parties, as to enable us to put immediately in Execution our impartial and sincere Desires for that Purpose: Resolved however to pursue so great and salutary a Work, and to prevent our Subjects from being unnecessarily involved in War, we renewed the Offer of our good Offices in so effectual a Manner, as to obtain an Acceptation of them.

In Consequence of this Acceptation, and of our Declaration made thereupon, to the respective Powers engaged in the War, no Time has been lost in taking such Measures, as should be most proper to make the best use of their good Dispositions for re-establishing the Tranquillity of Europe: And I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that things are now brought to so great a Forwardness, that I hope in a short time a Plan will be offered to the Consideration of all the Parties engaged in the present War, as a Basis for a General Negotiation of Peace, in which the Honour and Interest of all Parties have been consulted, as far as the Circumstances of Time, and the present Posture of Affairs would permit.

I do not take upon me to answer for the Success of a Negotiation, where so many different Interests are to be considered and reconciled; but when a Proceeding is founded upon Reason, and formed from such Lights as can be had, it had been inexcusable not to have attempted a Work, which may produce infinite Benefits and Advantages, and can be of no Prejudice, if we do not suffer ourselves to be so far amused by Hopes, that may possibly be afterwards disappointed, as to leave ourselves exposed to real Dangers.

I have made use of the Power, which the late Parliament intrusted me with, with great Moderation; and I have concluded a Treaty with the Crown of Denmark, of great Importance

portance in the present Conjuncture. It is impossible, when all the Courts of Europe are busy and in Motion, to secure to themselves such Supports, as Time and Occasion may require, for me to sit still, and neglect Opportunities, which, if once lost, may not only be irretrievable, but turned as greatly to our Prejudice, as they will prove to our Advantage, by being seasonably secured; and which, if neglected, would have been thought a just Cause of Complaint. This necessary Confidence, placed in me, has given great Weight to my Endeavours for the Publick Good.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the Accounts and Estimates to be prepared and laid before you, of such extraordinary Expences, as were incurred last Year, and of such Services, as I think highly necessary to be carried on and provided for; and whatever additional Charges shall be found necessary, shall be reduced, as soon as it can be done consistently with the common Security.

And as the Treaty with the Crown of Denmark is attended with an Expence, I have ordered the same to be laid before you.

I make no Doubt, but I shall find, in this House of Commons, the same Zeal, Duty, and Affection, as I have experienced through the whole Course of my Reign; and that you will raise the necessary Supplies with Chearfulness, Unanimity, and Dispatch.

The Sense of the Nation is best to be learned by the Choice of their Representatives; and I am perswaded, that the Behaviour and Conduct of my faithful Commons will demonstrate to all the World the unshaken Fidelity and Attachment of my good Subjects to my Person and Government.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is our Happiness to have continued hitherto in a State of Peace; but whilst many of the principal Powers of Europe are engaged in War, the Consequences must more or less affect us; and as the best concerted Measures are liable to Uncertainty, we ought to be in a Readiness, and prepared against all Events; and if our Expences are in some Degree increased, to prevent greater, and such, as if once entered into, it would be difficult to see the End of, I hope my good Subjects will not repine at the necessary Means of procuring the Blessings of Peace, and of universal Tranquillity, or of putting ourselves in a Condition to act that Part, which it may be necessary and incumbent upon us to take.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 22d Day of *January*, 1734.

PRESENT,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint the following Sheriffs, *viz.*

Cheshire Trafford Barnston, *Esq*;
Dorsetshire, Thomas Skinner, of Dewlish, *Esq*;
Hertfordshire, Thomas Rolt, of Sacombe, *Esq*;
Leicestershire, Robert Willson, of Heythorp, *Esq*;

Hague, Feb. 1, *N. S.* The Prince of Orange left this Place Yesterday Morning to go for Amsterdam, in order to embark in the Evening for Friesland, and the Wind having been favourable all Night, it is supposed his Highness landed there this Morning. His Highness will reside in Friesland about three Weeks during the Meeting of the States of that Province. Her Royal Highness his Consort was blooded two Days ago by Way of Precaution. The States of Holland separated on Friday last, and are to meet again To-morrow Seven-night. The Marquess de St. Gilles delivered Yesterday his Credentials as Ambassadour from the King of Spain to the States General, and notified this Morning his Arrival to all the Publick Ministers whose Masters are in Amity with Spain. We have this Morning had an Account from Breda, that M. d'Avroux, Drossard of that Place, was dead; which Employment is in the Disposal of the Prince of Orange. The Minister from Sardinia has delivered to the States a Letter of Notification from the King his Master, of the Death of her Sardinian Majesty.

Admiralty-Office, Jan. 7, 1734.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty being informed, that, notwithstanding His Majesty's Pleasure, signified to his Consuls residing in Foreign Parts, several Masters of Ships and Vessels belonging to His Majesty's Subjects which have come into the Ports where they the said Consuls reside, have upon their Demand, refused to produce to them the Passes which they have received, in order to their endorsing the same in the Manner they are required to do: Their Lordships do therefore hereby give Notice, that it is expected all such Masters of Ships or Vessels coming into any Port where there is any such Consul, do, at their Peril, strictly comply with his Majesty's Pleasure, by producing to them the Passes in their Possession; and that when any Ship or Vessel belonging to his Majesty's Subjects shall be sold at any Port abroad, where a British Minister or Consul doth reside, their Masters do deliver to such Minister or Consul their Pass; or if no such Minister or Consul, transmit them as soon as possible they can to this Office, in order to their being cancelled, that so they may not, to the Prejudice of the Trade of His Majesty's Subjects, fall into the Hands of Foreigners, otherwise their Bonds will be put in Suit with the utmost Severity of the Law. And their Lordships do hereby give Notice to all Masters of Ships or Vessels belonging to His Majesty's Subjects who may receive Passes, either from this Office, or from any of the Governors of His Majesty's Foreign Islands or Plantations, that by an Act passed in the Fourth Year of his present Majesty, it is made Felony, without Benefit of the Clergy, if any Erasement or Alteration whatsoever shall be found made in any such Passes. By Command of their Lordships,

J. Burchett.

Admiralty-Office, Jan. 17, 1734.

The Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do hereby direct, that all Seamen belonging to His Majesty's Ship the Dunkirk, now at Portsmouth, do forthwith repair to their Duty on board the said Ship, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril.

By Command of their Lordships,

J. Burchett.

Admiralty Office, Jan. 24, 1734.

In Regard ſeveral Men belonging to His Majeſty's Ships in Sea Pay at Home, have been prevented by bad Weather, or other Impediments, in returning to their Duty by the Time limited by His Majeſty's late Royal Proclamation, the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty do hereby give Notice, that if ſuch Men as are ſo abſent will repair on board the Ships whereto they reſpectively belong, by or before the Tenth Day of the next Month, being February, the R's which may have been put againſt their Names in the Books of the ſaid Ships will be taken off, and they be continued in Wages; but that ſuch of them as do not return to their Duty by the Time before-mentioned, will not only forfeit all their Pay, but be proſecuted as Deſerters from His Majeſty's Service, unleſs it ſhall be ſuch Men as have had, or may have Leave from their Captains, or other Superior Officers, in which Caſe, they are to take Care to repair to the Ships whereto they belong by the Times their reſpective Leaves ſhall expire, under the Penalties before-mentioned.

By Command of their Lordſhips,

J. Burchett.

Victualling Office, Jan. 20, 1734.

The Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy give Notice, that on Monday the 24th of February next, in the Forenoon, they ſhall be ready to treat with ſuch Perſons as are inclinable to furniſh White and Bay Salt, as alſo Hambourgh Pipe and Hogſhead Staves, for the Service of His Majeſty's Navy.

East India Houſe, Jan. 23, 1734.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the Eaſt Indies, intending to erect a large Pile of Building for Warehouſes, in Fenchurch ſtreet, do hereby give Notice to ſuch Workmen as are willing to undertake the ſame, that the Plans and Deſigns of the ſaid Buildings, together with the Particulars of the ſeveral Works to be performed, may be ſeen at their Secretary's Office, on Thurſday the 31ſt Inſtant: And that a Committee will ſit at the Eaſt India Houſe on Friday the 20th of February next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, to open ſuch Propoſals as ſhall be lodged with the Secretary on or before that Time.

Advertiſements.

London, January 21, 1734-35.

THE Copartnerſhip under the Name of Philip Margas, and Comp having expired on the 24th of June laſt paſt; this is to give Notice, that all Debts in Trade, contracted by that Society, on or before that Time, ſhall be paid by me. And all Perſons indebted to the ſaid Copartnerſhip, are deſired and required to pay the ſame to me, at my Houſe the Sign of the Golden Head, on Ludgate Hill, London; where I ſell all Goods tolerated in the India way, having the greateſt Choice of thoſe Goods, beſides many Curioſities.

Witneſs my Hand, Charles Margas.

NB. My late dwelling Houſe in Hand Court, againſt the Steel-Yard, Thames-ſtreet, is to be Lett.

THESE are to give Notice, that all Perſons indebted to the Eſtate of John Orlton, late of the Borough of Southwark, Vintner, deceaſed, are forthwith to pay the ſame to the Adminiſtrators of the ſaid John Orlton, or they will be ſued: And all Perſons who have any Demands on the ſaid Eſtate, are deſired to leave the ſame forthwith with Mr. Gilam, Attorney at Law in London ſtreet, in Fenchurch-ſtreet; and to meet the Adminiſtrators at the Sun Tavern in Monument-Yard, on Friday the 7th Day of February next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, in order to receive Satisfaction for the ſame. Further Information to be had of Mr. Gilam.

THE Aſſignees of James Eſhop, of Fleet-Ditch, London, Brewer, a Bankrupt, deſire the Creditors of the ſaid Bankrupt to meet him on Friday the 31ſt Inſtant, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, at the Vine Tavern by Bear-Key, London, in order to impower the ſaid Aſſignees to ſubmit to arbitration the Matters in Diſpute concerning the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate, and to conſult on other Affairs.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded againſt Jacob Alvarez the Younger, of Berry ſtreet, London, Broker, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners on the 8th and 15th of February next, and on the 8th of March following, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Firſt Sitting to chuſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupt is required to finiſh his Examination. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay, or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded againſt John Clarkſon, of Mount-ſtreet, Groſvenor-Square, in the County of Middleſex, Carpenter and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners on the 3d and 10th of February next, and on the 8th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the ſecond Sitting to chuſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupt is required to finiſh his Examination. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint, but to give Notice to Mr. Stratton, Attorney, in Elewitt's Buildings, Fetter-lane, London.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded againſt Timothy Farrar, of Leeds, in the County of York, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the acting Commiſſioners on the 3d of February next, and on the 7th and 8th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at the Houſe of Richard Nottingham, being the Sign of the King's Arms in Leeds aforeſaid, and make a full Diſcovery and Diſcloſure of his Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the ſecond Sitting to chuſe Aſſignees, and at the laſt Sitting the ſaid Bankrupt is required to finiſh his Examination, and the Creditors are to aſſent to or diſſent from the Allowance of the ſaid Bankrupt's Certificate.

THE Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt Thomas Maſſey and John Maſſey, late of Alderſgate-ſtreet, London, Tobacconiſts and Copartners, intend to meet on the 19th of February next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a ſecond Dividend of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to do the ſame, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend.

WHereas the acting Commiſſioners in the Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt John Whall, now or late of Trowſe Milgate, within the County of the City of Norwich, Beer Brewer, have certified to the Right Honourable Charles Lord Talbot, Baron of Henſol, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the ſaid John Whall hath in all things conformed himſelf according to the Directions of the ſeveral Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that by Virtue of an Act paſſed in the Fifth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, the ſaid Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the ſaid Act directs, unleſs Cauſe be ſhewn to the contrary on or before the 14th of February next.

WHereas the acting Commiſſioners in the Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt John Squire, of Love-Lane, London, Packer, have certified to the Right Honourable Charles Lord Talbot, Baron of Henſol, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the ſaid John Squire hath in all things conformed himſelf according to the Directions of the ſeveral Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that by Virtue of an Act paſſed in the Fifth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, the ſaid Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the ſaid Act directs, unleſs Cauſe be ſhewn to the contrary on or before the 14th of February next.

In laſt Tueſday's Gazette, in the Third Advertiſement in the laſt Page, for Thomas Aldwin, read Thomas Aldwell.

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